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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR MINING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to allow State Governments to give environmental clearances for the mining of minor minerals and all non-ferrous minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is in the receipt of the communications from the State Governments that the power to accord environmental clearance may be delegated at State or District level. However, as per the EIA notification, 2006 notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the projects of mining of with mining lease area equal to or greater than 50 ha are handled at the level of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for grant of EC. The projects with mining lease area less than 50 ha are handled by the respective State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).